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said insulating layer comprising a plurality of insulating patterns each having a dielectric constant different from a dielectric constant of a surrounding area surrounding at least one of said insulating patterns,

said plurality of insulating patterns controlling an in-plane direction of liquid crystal molecules in said liquid crystal when a voltage is applied across said electrodes.

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3. (Amended) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of insulating patterns are connected with each other by an insulating film in said surrounding area, and wherein each of said plurality of insulating patterns has a thickness different from a thickness of said insulating layer in said surrounding area.

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11. (Amended) The liquid crystal display device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said plurality of insulating patterns are connected with each other by an insulating film in said surrounding area, and wherein each of the insulating patterns comprises a vertical alignment layer that has a thickness different from a thickness of said insulating layer in said surrounding area.

### REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants have provided a Separate Letter to the

Examiner, dated 1/11/2007, in response to the Office Action dated 10/11/2006, and a Separate Letter to the Examiner, dated 1/11/2007, in response to the Office Action dated 10/11/2006.